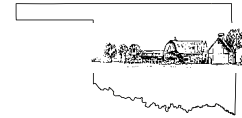




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Wheat Harvest At 90 Percent

Warm, dry weather dominated Oklahoma weather for the week ending June 26th. Wheat harvest advanced to 90 percent. Row crop planting made significant inroads after farmers were finished with wheat harvest. The Panhandle was the only district which recorded any measurable rainfall. Consequently soil moisture supplies were down from last week. The South Central district made the record books this week. Rainfall since March 1 ranks as the driest since 1921 when records were first available. Farmers had 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	23	67	3
Last Week	3	14	68	15
Last Year	2	16	72	10

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	26	62	2
Last Week	8	26	61	5
Last Year	11	27	56	6

Small Grains: The Oklahoma wheat harvest was 90 percent complete. Harvest ranged from 68 percent finished in the Panhandle and Northeast districts to 97 percent complete in the South Central district. Yields were extremely good in the Panhandle but were mostly below last year in the rest of the State. Some wheat growers who have introduced canola to their crop rotation were busy harvesting the oilseed crop. Ground plowed after harvest passed the halfway mark in the Southwest and South Central district. Rye harvested jumped 38 percentage points from last week to 71 percent. Oat harvest also advanced to 79 percent complete.

Row Crops: With wheat harvest winding down, farmers were able to spend more time planting row crops. Sorghum advanced 17 percentage points from last week and was now 81 percent planted. The major-producing Panhandle was the only district showing less than 50 percent planted. Sorghum heading was beginning in southern counties. Soybeans planted climbed 14 percentage points from last week to 87 percent. Soybeans that were blooming were mostly restricted to the southern half of the State. Peanut development made significant headway because of the recent hot, dry weather. Peanuts pegging advanced 35 percentage points to 41 percent. Some peanuts were beginning to set pods in the southwestern third of the State. Cotton planting which was delayed by wet weather in prior weeks was essentially over. Squaring was at 12 percent which is one full week behind the 5-year average. A large percentage of cotton in parts of the South Central district was plagued with ascochyta blight.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending June 26, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	1	20	32	46
Soybeans	0	1	40	52	7
Peanuts	0	0	22	69	9
Cotton	0	7	33	56	4
Sorghum	0	1	24	65	10

Hay: Warm, dry weather was beneficial for hay growth. The Panhandle was the only district with alfalfa second cutting less than 90 percent. The South Central district passed the halfway mark on alfalfa hay third cutting. All other hay first cutting ranged from 51 percent in the Panhandle to nearly complete in the West Central district. Second cutting of all other hay was mostly restricted to the southern half of the State.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending June 26, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	7	32	50	10
Other Hay	3	15	36	42	4

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelons were rated in mostly fair condition. Development made rapid advancement from last week. Harvest has just started in areas of the South Central district. Peaches were rated in mostly fair-to-good condition. Fruit set on peaches was expected to be average this year.

Pasture and Range: Pasture condition decreased slightly from last week but remained in mostly fair-to-good condition. Rain is desperately needed in the southeastern third of Oklahoma where poor ratings were more prominent.

Livestock: Livestock remained in mostly good condition. Cattle marketing was rated average. The Oklahoma Market News released their eight auction report on Thursday. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged just over \$118 per cwt. while feeder heifers under 800 pounds averaged just over \$110 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending June 26, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	20	64	13
Pasture & Range	4	11	40	42	3

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending June 26, 2005									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Harvested	90	62	95	89	Pegging	41	6	31	31
Plowed	34	9	41	38	Setting Pods	9	0	5	1
Oats -					Cotton -				
Harvested	79	53	82	73	Planted	99	92	99	99
Plowed	31	7	36	32	Emerged	94	83	99	97
Rye -					Squaring	12	5	29	27
Harvested	71	32	84	N/A	Alfalfa -				
Plowed	25	4	36	N/A	2 nd Cutting	90	73	90	80
Corn -					3 rd Cutting	33	10	14	11
Silking	41	25	44	28	Other Hay -				
Dough	7	N/A	18	8	1 st Cutting	76	69	81	77
Sorghum -					2 nd Cutting	7	4	9	6
Planted	81	64	90	83	Watermelons -				
Emerged	60	45	82	71	Running	90	82	97	96
Soybeans -					Setting Fruit	66	43	72	65
Seedbed Prepared	94	89	97	95					
Planted	87	73	87	87					
Emerged	75	64	78	80					
Blooming	7	3	8	6					

Weather for Week Ending June 26, 2005 - Temperatures ranged from 57 degrees at Kenton and Wister on Monday, June 20th, to 99 degrees at Grandfield on Sunday, June 26th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in eight of the nine districts to 0.03 inches in Panhandle district. Soil temperatures averaged 75 degrees at Tahlequah on Monday, June 20th, and at Red Rock on Tuesday, June 21st, to 92 degrees at Durant on Sunday, June 26th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending June 26, 2005							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2005 to June 26, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	93	64	79	0.03	8.47	-0.92	90
West Central	91	67	79	0.00	9.94	-3.30	75
Southwest	94	66	81	0.00	7.41	-6.09	55
North Central	92	67	80	0.00	9.94	-3.83	72
Central	90	67	79	0.00	9.06	-7.30	55
South Central	92	66	79	0.00	7.41	-9.52	44
Northeast	89	66	78	0.00	11.26	-5.90	66
East Central	90	66	78	0.00	10.46	-8.06	56
Southeast	92	64	78	0.00	9.79	-9.61	50

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